

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 presently are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner rejects each of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2003-026113 to Kadota (“Kadota”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,633,335 to Johnson (“Johnson”) or, in the alternative, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,533,321 to Hooper (“Hooper”).

The Examiner acknowledges that Kadota fails to teach or suggest “pressing of the planar outer circumferential edge portions of the end packaging members against the rolled article while the article is rotated and while the skirt members are folded against the planar portions of the end packaging members.” (Office Action at p. 2). However, the Examiner relies on both Johnson and Hooper to teach these elements.

The Examiner has indicated that the claims would be allowable if amended as shown on page 4 of the Office Action. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

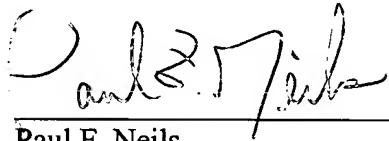
Accordingly, this application is believed to be in form for immediate allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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